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CIA Subversion

Stansfield Turner, director of the Central Intelligence Agency, has taken the incredible position that his agency will not be bound by rules designed to maintain standards of integrity in either academic or other institutions. The CIA's position was stated in response to Harvard University guidelines stipulating, among other things, that no member of the university faculty was to engage in covert activities for the CIA, that no faculty member was to serve as a recruiter for the CIA without the professor's name being on public file at the university's placement office and that the names of potential recruits in the university community were not to be given to the CIA without the individual's permission.

These rules had actually been promulgated by Harvard at the suggestion of the Senate Intelligence Committee after the panel had found threats to academic freedom in the CIA's campus activities but had declined to propose statutory restrictions. A Harvard committee that proposed the rules had concluded that:

"... The existence on the Harvard campus of unidentified individuals who may be probing the views of others and obtaining information for the possible use of the CIA is inconsistent with the idea of a free and independent university. Such practices inhibit free discourse and are a distortion of the relationship that should exist among members of an academic community..."

Not only has the CIA been using academics for covert operations and secret recruiting in over 100 U.S. institutions but it has also been conducting background investigations of potential recruits before they even knew they were being considered. Regardless of rules to the contrary, Mr. Turner proposes to continue subversion of academia so that the CIA supposedly can do its job. The only answer now seems to be for Congress to put a stop to it.